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1. OUR ONLY INFORMATION ON REF VISIT COMES FROM AUGUST 1-2 BULLETINS PALESTINE NEWS AGENCY (WAFA), WHICH REPORTED FOUR FATAH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS VISITING THE SOVIET
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UNION "HELD A LENGTHY MEETING ON JULY 27 WITH A COMMITTEE REPRESENTING THE AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE AND SOVIET C.P. CENTRAL COMMITTEE." WAFA CONTINUED THAT THE PALESTINIAN DELEGATION WAS DEADED BY MAHMUD ABBAS (ABU MAZIN) AND INCLUDED SALAH KHALAF (ABU IYAD), MUHAMMAD SALAH (ABU SALIH), AND KHALID AL-HASAN (ABU AL-SA'ID). THE SOVIET C.P. DELEGATION, ACCORDING

TO WAFA, WAS HEADED BY VLADIMIR KUDRYAVTSEV, THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE. DURING THE THREE HOUR MEETING DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT AND ON POLITICAL ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE, WAFA SAID.

2. WAFA ALSO REPORTED THAT ON 28 JULY, THE PALESTINIAN DELEGATION PARTICIPATED IN THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW PLO BUILDING IN MOSCOW, AND LATER MET A NUMBER OF ARAB AMBASSADORS AND SOVIET OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED THE CEREMONY.

3. ON 29 JULY THE DELEGATION TRAVELED TO LENINGRAD, RETURNING TO MOSCOW AROUND NOON ON 1 AUGUST. UPON THEIR RETURN THEY PLACED WREATHS ON LENIN'S TOMB AND ON THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER, IN AN OFFICIAL CEREMONY BROADCAST OVER MOSCOW TELEVISION DURING THE EVENING OF 1 AUGUST.

4. ON 2 AUGUST THE DELEGATION "CONDUCTED IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS WITH A DELEGATION OF THE SOVIET C.P. CENTRAL COMMITTEE REGARDING THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION, AND THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE." ACCORDING TO WAFA.

5. THE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO DEPART MOSCOW ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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